

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 801
By Yokley

A RESOLUTION designating May 20, 2006, in honor of Wilma Dykeman Stokely of Newport.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are charged from time to time to recognize those eminent citizens of this State, whose deeds and accomplishments have served to give an entire population a voice, a connection to its past, and an identification; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Dykeman Stokely was a resident of Newport in Cocke County during the time in which she wrote several works of fiction, including *The Tall Woman*, *The Far Family*, *Look to This Day*, and *Explorations*; and

WHEREAS, this talented and insightful author also penned several works of non-fiction, including *The French Broad*; *Neither Black Nor White*; *Seeds of Southern Change: The Life of Will Alexander*, which she co-wrote with James Stokely; *Prophet of Plenty: The First Ninety Years of W. D. Weatherford*; *The Border States: Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia*; *Return the Innocent Earth*; *Southern Appalachian Books: An Annotated, Selected Biography*; *Too Many People, Too Little Love: Edna Rankin McKinnon: Pioneer for Birth Control*; *Tennessee: A Bicentennial History*; *Tennessee Women, Past and Present*; *With Fire and Sword: The Battle of Kings Mountain*; *Highland Home: The People of the Great Smokies*; *Tennessee: A History*; *At Home in the Smokies: A History Handbook for Great Smoky Mountains National Park, North Carolina and Tennessee*; *Tennessee: A Homecoming*, which was co-written with Peter Taylor and John Egerton; *Tennessee Women: An Infinite Variety*; and *Haunting Memories: Echoes and Images of Tennessee's Past*; and

WHEREAS, the works of Wilma Dykeman Stokely document and celebrate the experience and life, both past and present, in Newport, Cocke County, and East Tennessee, and extol the rich history and heritage of the Appalachian region; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Wilma Dykeman Stokely was designated as the honorary Historian for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Dykeman Stokely is a treasure of Tennessee history and lore, and her love of Newport, Cocke County, East Tennessee, and all of Appalachia is evident in her writings, and she should be properly recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate May 20, 2006, as "Wilma Dykeman Stokely Day" in Tennessee and encourage the citizens of this State to celebrate on this day the life and works of one of Tennessee's finest authors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.